

Northfield Recreation Committee minutes

February 10, 2014

6pm Municipal Building

Attendees: Bob Illingworth, Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Michele Langley, Bruce Wright, Eric, Matt, Elizabeth(Norwich Engineering students)

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

I. Old business: The group welcomed back the Norwich Engineering students who have been working hard at their senior projects. Elizabeth, Matt and Eric presented the group with drawings, maps of proposed and existing drawings of Memorial Park and Northfield Falls. They first discussed Memorial Park Drawing they presented outlines of where a proposed pavilion, restroom, tennis courts, playground, soccer field, additional parking would all go within current existing property. Along with that would be a bike/walking path that would run to the Falls. Then the Falls would have a proposed purchase of a small portion of lot near northern corner of current Microcheck property line where if possible the other pavilion would be set. The group then asked questions of the students. The trail/bike path would come into the back or East part of Falls. Attached to the pictures and drawings were several types of 30x60 pavilions and prices. Each price given was priced for 2, not 1. Group clarified property lines for Sally and Bruce as they hadn't been to meetings before when students had previously shown the property lines in November meeting. Discussed layout of fields(little league field space and increasing another third "T" ball field by putting in a bottomless culvert in marshy area and doing more volleyball enhancement were discussed in depth,) possible resources and how grants or bids would come in. bids cannot be accepted by committee but passed through Select board/town manager. One subject that was raised that needs immediate/at least attention drawn to is that the town manager public works manager needs to know of the safety implication of the roofed shed and pit in the Falls from the little league field. Fencing will need to be put up there. Students will return again in March unless they are on break, otherwise in April with their finishing products of plans.

II. Winter Carnival: A. Actions Scott: rink: Scott reports that he, and Angie and Shawn Allen, Chris Amell, Doug MacDougall(members of NAHA) were able to fix the 40x40 rink and are planning to flood again Tuesday night. Plan going forward is that Firestation would maintain once NAHA got going. In retrospect rink was put too close to the building which is why it kept draining. Scott has taken the coloring contest pages that Michele got together and gave to school. The elementary school and Roxbury school will designate time to do OR the kids will do and they will be picked up Friday for being put up in windows of O'maddis, Depot, ?NSB. Scott will be getting the creamie machine to the Senior Center. He was able to get two to three chili entries for cookoff. In terms of the school and snow sculptures he spoke with Mr. Parkman. We have a 100\$ prize donor from Matt Gadbois now for class that wins as incentive. Katherine Vincent is the teacher contact for the school. The plan is to have students start thurs. afternoon on snow sculptures. They have until noon on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Heidi will contact Miss Vincent on questions about the food prizes such as when the food will be disbursed.

Bruce reports he is set for equipment he just needs to pick up from Mr. Gonneville. he is also set for snow mobilers. He and bob discussed the waiver of liability regarding who should sign and how. Group discussed the snow on the common and the trustee meeting that Heidi attended last week reported what the meeting details of what their expectations are for the snow to make sure the current work underneath the snow is not damaged. The one thing the trustees did not want to support was getting the snow to the Norwich location indicating that Norwich had enough equipment and manpower to get it to the location. At the time Heidi had said it was not an issue. A facilities request was in the works. Snow is on the common now for the snow sculptures. Bruce met with Ray Hudson to tell him where to

place it. What we are not going to have snow for is the Norwich area. Apparently the snag is that Norwich wants "clean snow". Getting the snow to the area per Scott who was talking to facilities because Bill Nash was on vacation was the issue. Trucks this time of year are "dirty" and no matter what we tried to say Norwich was saying the snow wasn't clean, so unless the students used the snow and scooped it up within the area there was not going to be a "sculpture" at the Norwich location. Heidi said she would email Gregg McGrath and Angela at Norwich to communicate the news.

Michele reports that she has placed the Ads with The World, and done the flyers. In the process we did notice that Heidi gave Michele the wrong number for Linda Thurston so it went in wrong!. The pictures for coloring contest were all age appropriate.(this was not discussed but we owe Michele for the printing. We need to find out how much and reimburse her).

Bob reported that he put flyers out all over and has entry's for cook off

Sally reports that she saw the senior center advertisement for the Chili cook-off but otherwise hasn't seen anything. Bob, and Scott were given the correct numbers for Linda to call for entries and Sally will follow up with an email to Linda. There are t shirts for entrants. Sally will also invite Linda and Marilyn to our March meeting as an "after action" review to discuss what went well and what didn't.

Heidi reported about trustee meeting of snow on common. Also got word finally about the Volleyball tournament that committee trying to do. After last meeting contacted Geoff Farnum and then TJ Powers at school for venue availability. TJ had just notified as of two days ago that we could have use of gym from 12-4. Committee decided this was not only not listed on flyers, but short notice but a terrific idea and if this weekend goes okay should be on schedule for next year. Heidi will email Geoff and thank him for trying to organize.

Actions: Michele or Scott will pick up coloring contest pictures (scott will get at Roxbury) on Fri. Scott, Bruce and Michele will do voting buckets for O'maddi's, Depot Square, Common Café, Bruce will do NSB box. Bruce will cover sledding sat. Bob will cover snow shoeing and skiing Sally will do the chili cookoff, Scott will do the ice skating, Heidi and Michele snow sculptures and bringing coffee to Bob and Bruce and Scott, and go around each of the venues to see if anything is needed.

Discussion of prizes: snow sculpture \$ 100 to winning class 9-12 class and lunch; middle school pizza

Coloring contest: O'maddi's deli: 1<sup>st</sup>

Common Café: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Depot Square \$10. Certificate : 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chili cook off: 5-\$10 gift cards Knotty Shamrock

\$40 value to Barroffios Garage inspection

III. New business: A rotary letter was left for a community grant. Discussed if we were eligible because letter indicated we needed to be a 501c3. Bruce took the letter to see if , Little league wanted to look into grant. Also there was catalog for "Miracle playgrounds grants for America's Children which have matching grants. Heidi took the paperwork. Committee will table for discussion at later time as not at a point where we can order equipment for project until funding sources are decided and plan of development on what stages going to do and report made to selectboard. Bruce asked if committee would support a Little league tournament at \$120/team around June 6-8. Agreed to support going forward with plan.

IV. Next meeting: March 10,2014 6pm